

PATENT  
Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 09812.0126

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Sayoko Matsumoto et al. )  
Application No.: 10/574,583 ) Group Art Unit: 1645  
Filed: February 8, 2007 ) Examiner: Greene, Jamie M.  
For: METHOD OF STRETCHING ) Confirmation No.: 3961  
SINGLE-STRANDED )  
NUCLEIC ACID, SINGLE- )  
STRANDED NUCLEIC ACID )  
STRETCHING SYSTEM AND )  
DNA CHIP )

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c)**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(c), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents on the attached listing. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed, before the mailing date of a first Office Action, on the merits.

Copies of the listed foreign and non-patent literature documents are attached.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If the Examiner applies any of the documents as prior art against any claims in the application and Applicants determine that the cited documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law,

Applicants reserve the right to present to the Office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents.

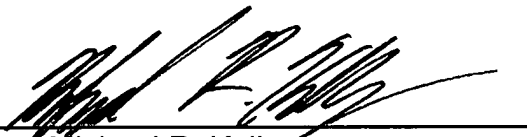
Applicants further reserve the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

If there is any fee due in connection with the filing of this Statement, please charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

FINNEGAN, HENDERSON, FARABOW,  
GARRETT & DUNNER, L.L.P.

Dated: February 12, 2008

By:   
Michael R. Kelly  
Reg. No. 33,921